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TEAMSTERS CZARS FIGHT U. S.

TORIES EXPEL SPAIN GOV'T FROM COUNCIL

Edens Move Tilts Balance Of Power Back Toward Fascist Countries

GENEVA — Seeking to offset the advantages gained by Loyalist Spain under the impact of the Soviet Union's open designation of Italy as the power responsible for piracy in the Mediterranean, Tory England at the Council of the League of Na-

BULLETIN!
MADRID — Government mines, exploding under fascist lines in University City, destroyed the fascist-held building of the Agronomy Engineering School and virtually completed reducing the former center of learning to a shambles.

The action again brought forward the threat of cutting fascist troops in the area off from their line of communications. A fierce artillery duel between Madrid and fascist batteries followed the well placed explosion.

tions here engineered a series of maneuvers attempting to rebuild its position of dominance in world affairs.

Loyalist Spain was voted out of its seat in the League Council when it failed to get the two-thirds vote necessary for re-election. The Spanish government is thus deprived of a voice in the governing council on all save those affairs in which it is directly concerned, and deprived of a vote altogether.

England Controls Vote

The move was carried out ostensibly by reactionary Latin-American countries, the Spanish government receiving 23 out of a total of 47 votes. It is known however, that England dominates the vote in the Council.

This accomplished, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden again brought forth the prospect of compromise with fascist Germany and Italy. Virtually apologizing for the patrol which will at least seriously impede Italy's submarine warfare, Eden declared that consideration would be given to any "suggestions" by the powers (Germany and Italy) which were absent from the Nyon conference.

Aid to Nazis

To Germany he offered to discuss the reduction of colonial tariffs on a colonial basis and gave the Nazis an implied promise by his statement that the colonial question was not of prime importance."

Meanwhile French and British ships arrived at Gibraltar in new strength to carry out the patrol against submarine warfare, with the British foreign office still seeking a compromise to get Italy to reconsider its boycott of the blockade.

Loyalist Ship Relieves Minorea, Runs Blockade

MADRID—Fascist attackers of Spain were completely foiled in a desperate maneuver to seize a government submarine as it lay in the harbor of Brest, France for repairs.

At the same time the government here reported that one of its supply ships had run the fascist blockade to carry food and supplies to besieged Minorca Island, off eastern Spain and that government destroyers beat off an attack launched against them by the fascist-manned cruiser Balearics.

Counter Offensive in North

In the north, the isolated government troops defending the remaining Loyalist territory on the Biscay coast, administered a costly setback to the attacking fascist troops. A furious surprise attack was launched on fascist lines by Asturian miners detachments east of Gijon. Although the fascists rallied reinforcements after their setback, they were reported to have sustained heavy losses.

Raid Fails

The attempt to seize a Loyalist submarine in France was carried out by a small band which raided the ship while it was in charge of a skeleton crew. Their desperate effort failed when their surprise attack was unable to dislodge one of the crew from the conning tower, and they fled in fear of the French police. One was shot dead as he fled, and the others were captured after flight.

Late Start

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Daily Western a Better 'Voice of People'-Mooney

By CLINT DUFF

"A good militant newspaper must reflect the daily struggles of working Americans—that's why the Western Worker should be a daily paper."

With that undimmed spirit which a quarter century in the penitentiary has failed to touch, Tom Mooney takes this firm stand on the future of our paper.

Recently I had the great privilege of talking to this most famous labor prisoner in



JAPAN IN NEW NANKING RAIDS

American Consulate Moves To Warship Luzon

NANKING—Americans were rapidly evacuating this capital city of China, yielding to a warning of the Japanese invaders that they would open a new and more extensive bombing.

Chinese meanwhile, were turning up airplanes for a major air battle.

Japanese had not even waited for the expiral of their warning to foreigners living in Nanking, but carried out their third air raid before there was any opportunity for it to warning to be heeded.

At least forty homes were demolished and as many civilians killed.

United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson moved his office and staff to the U. S. warship Luzon, confident that the Japanese were bent on the utter destruction.

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TYPOS VOTE TO BACK SHELLEY

Vote Presages Struggle If Teamos Attempt Ouster

SUPPORT was voted Sunday by Local 21 of the Typographical Union for Jack Shelley, president of the San Francisco central labor council, and George Kidwell, delegate from the bakery wagon drivers union to the council.

Immediately after work young Tom would jump on his inevitable motorcycle and speed home to dinner. Immediately after eating he would hop the "cycle" for outlying communities such as Richmond, Vallejo, etc., to gather funds and editorial material for the new weekly.

As the publishing time for the first issue drew near, Tom and his fellow worker-editors would spend their evenings working late into the next morning preparing their layouts. After this strenuous program Mooney would rush back to work as early as 6 a.m. the next morning.

Finally, Tom told me, they got out their first issue on May 1.

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L. A. Conference Raises Drive Quota to \$15,000

LOS ANGELES—Challenges to surpass their quotas flashed like summer lightning across Angelus Hall last Saturday, when more than eighty delegations from trade unions, mass organizations and sections of the Communist Party, met to map plans for the Western Worker Drive.

Accepting the recommendation of the Drive Committee that the quota of \$12,500 be raised to \$15,000, the delegates individually made their reports on how their organizations proposed to raise the separate quotas.

Rose Bush, Drive Director for Los Angeles, sounded the opening note of the conference, by giving a brief history of the Communist Party press in this country. Then she said:

Sections Pledge Sums

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40% BOOST IN SRA ASKED BY ALLIANCE

Convention Maps Special Steps to Organize the Aged and Youth

OAKLAND—Important organizational steps in the field of old age pensions, SRA relief and youth work were initiated by the 3rd annual convention of the

BULLETIN
OAKLAND — Sensational charges that certain San Francisco WPA officials were conspiring with employer associations and "racketeering labor officials" to destroy the labor movement through the organization of the so-called "American Association of WPA Workers" were made at the annual State Workers Alliance Convention here September 18 and 19.

The accusation was made in a special report by Alex Noral, newly elected president of the Workers Alliance.

"We have positive proof that certain superintendents and foremen on certain WPA projects are the initiators of this organization in conjunction with certain 'goon squad' racketeering labor officials of the American Federation of Labor."

Other actions of the convention included adoption of a new constitution, endorsement of independent political action, and adoption of a resolution condemning the use of WPA workers by J. E. Ferguson, suspended secretary of the Marine Firemen's Union, for disruptive tactics.

40 per cent increase in SRA budgets, recognition of the Workers Alliance as sole collective bargaining agent for WPA workers and recipients of relief and old-age pensions, and removal of Col. Connelly, Los Angeles County WPA administrator, were among the chief demands advanced by the convention.

Noral Re-elected

Alex Noral, past state organization secretary, was elected president for the ensuing year under the new constitution, which provides for three full time officers and reduces the executive board to 15, including the president, organizer, secretary-treasurer, and 12 vice-presidents.

Other full time officers are: state organizer, Roy Noffz and secretary-treasurer, Miss C. M. O'Donnell. Vice-presidents are: Herbert Nugent, San Francisco; F. A. Franchi, Albert Heltness, and Geo. W. Conner, Los Angeles; Vernon, Wahlemaier, San Diego; Mack Posey and Bessy Smith, San Francisco; H. E. Bessy, Ventura and Santa Barbara; Leon Vanner and Fred Crocker, Oakland; C. J. McKenney, Contra Costa County; and Sam B. Grimm, Redding.

Herbert Nugent and F. A. Franchi represent the newly-formed professional division of the Alliance.

A special old-age division of the Workers Alliance will be organized in accordance with a recommendation of the organization committee. Under this plan, which is expected to develop a strong movement to protect the interests of old-age pensioners, separate locals for the aged will be set up wherever practical.

Emphasizing the political power that is gained through a daily paper, Paul Cline, County Organizer, said: "A Daily paper will enable us to strike out in the coming campaign of 1938 with five or ten times our own strength."

George Shafer, Manager of the Western Worker, reported on the Press Fair and Carnival to be held at the Verdugo Country Club, La Crescenta, Sunday, October 3. Armenian Shashlik and folk dancing, jiu jitsu, wrestling, ice cream, baseball games between teams captained by Paul Cline and Jack Olson of the YCL and a galaxy of fun are promised.

Having mapped out a complete course of action for the next four months and distributed printed material including collection lists and punch boards, the conference was concluded with a few words from the State Drive Director, Frank Spiegel.

The convention was attended by 168 regular and 17 fraternal delegates.

Just Call Us X

X stands for mystery.
X stands for the unknown.
X in the labor movement, stands for a "leader" repudiated by his membership.

The conference allegedly called to form a new maritime federation was a large and motley assortment of has-beens, might-have-beens and should-not-have-beens. Just look at the EX's who attended:

EX-district secretary, ILA—Paddy Morris.
EX-district president, ILA—William Lewis.
Ex-president, Maritime Federation—William Fisher.
EX-secretary, MFOW, and EX-booz joint proprietor—John T. McGovern.
EX-vice-president, Local 38-79 ILA—James F. Kennedy.
—and last but not least—
EX-nothing—E. G. Dietrich.
Excuse us if we Exclaim it was an EXtremely EXciting EXhibition, EXceeding EXpectations.

ACT TO DEFY LABOR BOARD IN PIER TIEUP

McLaughlin Terms Ruling Upholding Dockers As 'Meaningless'

(See Interview With John Brophy, CIO Director, Page 6)
SAN FRANCISCO—"That puts McLaughlin and other Teamsters' Union officials in the position of fighting the United States government."

That was the terse comment of Henry Schmidt, president of Local 38-79, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, on the refusal of John P. McLaughlin, Teamsters' secretary, to recognize the validity of a Labor Board opinion in the current waterfront lookout.

The Labor Board ruling declared that "the ILWU represents a majority of the employees in warehouses and thus, under the Wagner Act, constitutes the bargaining agent for the Warehouses."

Snapped McLaughlin: "The order of the National Labor Relations Board . . . is meaningless in the controversy."

Stands by Green's Law
McLaughlin again reiterated the stand taken by his boss, Dave Beck, that the law of William Green is higher than the law of the land.

"The Teamsters' Union holds jurisdiction under AFL law," he said.

Boards Ruling
In a ruling that left itself open to no misunderstanding, the Board said that:

The ILWU represents a majority of the employees in warehouses;

That the companies have recognized the ILWU as the representative of such employees and have entered into agreements with the union in their behalf;

And that neither the International Brotherhood of Teamsters nor any other labor organization, except the ILWU, claims to have any members from among the warehousemen or claims to be designated collective bargaining agent for the warehousemen.

Mrs. Alice M. Rosseter, regional director of the board, made public these findings in Washington on Monday.

She pointed out that this ruling removes all legal basis, under the Wagner Act, from the Teamsters' union officials' claim to jurisdiction over the warehousemen.

Local Votes New Charter
At a meeting of Local 38-79 on Monday night with 2,000 men in attendance, the local unanimously voted the request for a charter from the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Assn., thus severing all connections with Joseph P. Ryan. The motion was passed to the accompaniment of loud cheers.

The 25 cents per capita formerly paid to Ryan's office, headquarters of the International Longshoremen's Assn., will now be paid to the ILWU.

These decisions were part of the concurrence with the minutes of the recent meeting of the District Executive Board.

The meeting was attended by a group of rank and file teamsters from Oakland, who said they came here "to see how a democratically controlled union conducts its meeting." One of the group spoke and declared (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

DIARY OF AN AMERICAN IN SPAIN

Hospitality, Food Better Near Front

By ADDISON KEELER

Spain, July 17, 1937.

We arrived last night at the main training camp of the American volunteers. Our quarters are located in one of the most beautiful and picturesque Spanish towns we have yet seen.

The trip here was a tough one as it's hard to get much sleep

in these Spanish towns which are crowded with troops and recruits. We passed through Barcelon but didn't see much of the town. At Valencia however, we had more time and a large group of us went for a swim in the Mediterranean. Everywhere, we are greeted by the Spanish people with the clenched fist salute—even the smallest children raise their fists as we pass by on trains, trucks or on foot.

I Meet S. F. Negro

The kids, by the way, seem to take to us Americans, climb all over us and are especially interested in the Negro comrade in our group. His nickname is "Skippy" and he comes from San Francisco. It's funny that many of the California comrades I'm meeting for the first time over here. The other day I saw someone who looked familiar and he turned out to be a comrade arrested in a San Diego demonstration some years ago, whose trial I covered for the Western Worker.

On arrival at one large town en route we were lined up in the bull ring and sorted out. We were of nine different nationalities—American, Canadian, German, Polish, French, Czech, Finn, Bulgarian and Dutch—though we Americans outnumbered the others. Men with artillery experience were singled out to go to a special camp, also most of the foreign nationalities so that they will be with those who share their living standard.

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Care Is Denied Pregnant Mother

SAN FRANCISCO—A San Francisco mother faces the possibility of giving birth to her second child unattended by a physician because of the refusal of the University of California Hospital at Third and Parnassus Ave., to give her medical treatment unless she can guarantee to pay for it in advance.

Miss Ingram, head nurse at the hospital, also informed her that she would be ineligible for free treatment at any of the public clinics because she and her husband and five-year-old daughter could not meet resident requirements under the stringent state regulations.

The mother is Mrs. Hazel Tyree, 522 Hayes Street. In addition to her pregnancy, Mrs. Tyree is suffering from a kidney complaint which keeps her in constant pain. The hospital likely refuse to treat her for this illness.

Her husband, Edgar Tyree, a Tennesseean, brought his little family here three months ago from New Mexico. Since then he has been temporarily employed

LASSER CALLS FOR COMPLETE WORK SURVEY

VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION IS INADEQUATE SHOWING.
SAYS W. A. LEADER

WASHINGTON — Declaring that the proposed "voluntary registration" census of unemployed is inadequate and bound to lead to an under-estimation of the actual number, the Workers' Alliance put forth a counter-proposal for a comprehensive count to be conducted by a National Census Board.

The proposal was embodied in a statement presented to President Roosevelt by David Lasser, president of the Alliance, in a visit to the White House. Lasser conferred with the President shortly before John Bigger, Toledo glass manufacturer, came to the White House to accept the job of conducting a one-day registration of the unemployed.

WOULD REACH FEW

Hitting at the proposed registration method, the Alliance declared that the "American people are not trained or given to registering. It is a matter of record that on primary days only a fraction of the voters of any party register and it is notorious that even in hotly contested elections hardly more than 60 to 70 per cent of the voters go to the polls."

The Alliance warned that results of the unemployment census will be an important factor in determining future relief and recovery policies. "The reactionary forces of this nation, who are opposing with increasing vehemence all liberal legislation, base their position in part upon the claim that unemployment has been reduced to almost normal figures, and that the emergency as such is over," the Alliance statement said.

"An accurate census of the unemployed, which would show the character and extent of unemployment, would not only serve to discredit these reactionary forces but would serve likewise to stimulate the American public to the need for further progressive legislation and recovery measures," it continued.

REAL ANALYSIS NEEDED

Lasser told the President that it was the hope of the Alliance that a census would be taken that would actually reveal the extent and character of unemployment, the causes for unemployment and a statistical analysis of the effects upon millions of people of changing industrial and economic conditions.

"We should like to express our opposition to any method of registration which leaves in doubt the question as to whether all of the unemployed have been counted," Lasser said, "or which is done under such a limitation of funds as to exclude information necessary to an intelligent analysis of the problem. Certainly a voluntary registration cannot answer the question of how many are unemployed for no one will know whether the number who have registered is 60 or 80 per cent of the unemployed."

DOOR TO DOOR CENSUS

The census proposed by the Alliance would be under the direction of a National Census Board composed of representatives of labor, farmers, public and the unemployed, would cover the entire country, would be preceded by an educational campaign as to the need of the count, and would have the results checked by a door to door sample census.

Whatever method is employed in taking the census, however, the Workers' Alliance "will cooperate to the full extent of our organization to insure the maximum possible success under the given conditions," Lasser said.

SO. CALIFORNIA BUILDING CONTRACTORS START FIGHT AGAINST ORGANIZED LABOR

LOS ANGELES — The Building Contractors' Assn. of Southern California has announced that it will fight organized labor, issuing a statement that it will adhere to the open shop. The Building Trades Unions of the AFL have been carrying on an extended and successful organizing drive, and are demanding a closed shop and wage increases.

LOOK WHO OPPOSES 'RACKETEERING'

TAMMANY WILL 'BORE FROM WITHIN' LABOR

NEW YORK — Tammany will bore from within the labor movement.

The aim is to stir up dissension in the unions, create suspicion between members and officers and undermine, if possible, the enormous prestige the American Labor Party has acquired.

The method, reliable reports current in Tammany circles have it, will be to make a great public splash over such alleged cases of graft and corruption in local unions as the ingenuous leaders of Tammany Hall have been able to gather into their dossier by several months' diligent investigation.

A skeleton or two can usually be dug up almost anywhere in a city as big as New York, but even if there is a grain of



Three Leading Public Enemies

SENATORS O'Mahoney, Wheeler and Burke (left to right), leaders of the Tory opposition to the President's court reform plan, conspiring just before Congress adjourned. They face the anger of progressives.

CREDITORS WAITING TO TAKE BUMPER CROP FROM FARMER

NEW WAVE OF FARM ORGANIZATION COMBATING DOUBLE MENACE OF DROUGHT AND LACK OF RELIEF TO AGRICULTURE

By HARLAN CRIPPEN

MONTROSE, S. D.—"What does it add up to? We've got the biggest crop in years but we're worse off than ever."

This is what Andrew Cunningham, Farmers' Union leader here, told this correspondent when asked what the bumper crop in the area had brought to the farmers.

While newspapers are slurring on glowing accounts of the coming of "farm prosperity," farmers give the lie to the press statements. They tell tales of creditors demanding the crops and taking them, low prices for farm produce, debts piling up. One farmer standing beside a threshing machine in a record field said: "We'll be needing relief before the middle of winter. This crop don't mean much with things the way they are."

EXODUS TO COAST

In areas that were struck by drought and grasshoppers, a relief crisis is fast developing. While Resettlement Administration funds have been increased, it is evident to any observer that they are inadequate to meet the need that has developed. Once again, because of the lack of government aid, the great trek of farmers to the west coast that has been going on for the past three years has resumed.

"It'll be better than here anyway," is the answer that most of them give when told of the drought refugee shack colonies and unemployment on the coast.

IMPEL TO ORGANIZE

This sums up the results of the 1937 season for the farmers which have brought a new surge towards organization. The Farmers' Holiday has organized strongly in many new areas. The Farmers' Union has taken initiative and to work after Congress has specifically appropriated for it, Hinckley laid out the facts in the case:

FLASH ROBS THOUSANDS

"This slash in the budget for federal youth assistance from \$75,000,000 to \$55,000,000 or possibly lower will, as the Director of the National Youth Administration has indicated, cut off 65,000 needy college students, 120,000 high school students and 60,000 jobless young people who are out of school, from the benefits of federal youth aid. Thousands of young people will be forced to cut short their schooling and to pound the pavements fruitlessly seeking jobs in a still overcrowded labor market."

"In the light of your many past expressions in behalf of youth aid," concludes Hinckley, "I hope you will do your utmost to restore to the young people of the country the educational and economic opportunities of which they have just been deprived."

SOUTH WHIPS UP DAILY DRIVE

LOS ANGELES — Socialist competition is starting off the Daily Western Worker Financial Drive with a bang in the Needle Trades Branch No. 3, reports coming into the Western Worker office here indicate.

With a quota of \$200 accepted by the Branch membership, three of the comrades on the Executive Committee have pledged themselves to raise \$25 apiece, while a fourth member has pledged himself to raise \$15.

To aid in raising its quota, the Branch has announced preparations for an affair to be held in the first week in October.

PRICES SLASHED IN MAMMOTH BOOK SALE

A sale, which will go down in history as the "Party 18th Anniversary Sale" will take place on a national scale in all party book shops, lasting a limited time.

It is the aim of this sale to put into the hands of the members of the Party and the American people, Marxist-Leninist literature at the price which is within reach of everybody.

Prices of thousands of books have been slashed from 20 to 50 per cent.

Comrades are invited to visit the book shop nearest to them and avail themselves of this opportunity to build their libraries.

RAPORT HITS MAYOR DORE'S RED BAITING

WE ARE FOR YOUR DEFEAT; YOU DO NOT REPRESENT PEOPLE OF SEATTLE

SEATTLE—Because the Communists favor clean, economical and respectable government, they are for the defeat of Mayor John F. Dore. This position was announced to the mayor himself in a letter by Morris Raport, Communist Party district organizer here.

"In recent months," he told the mayor, "you have frequently been quoted in the press attacking the Communist Party as the 'trouble makers' in this city. On various occasions when the citizens of Seattle were trying to improve their living standards through collective bargaining through unions of their own choosing, you used your office against those citizens, branding Communist trouble makers."

"You have been trying to justify your reactionary position by paying tribute to your 'pal and friend,' Dave Beck and Company. But let me inform you, Mr. Dore, that the members of the American Federation of Labor do not regard this as support to them. You are only smirching the name of labor."

"These gentlemen do not represent labor. They are like leeches on the back of the rank and file of their respective trade unions, forcing them to pay high dues in their unions, organizing beef squads and goon squads to eliminate any progressive expression in the unions, organizing jurisdictional disputes which create anarchy in our cities, and boycott their own dues paying members of a livelihood, with the support of officials like you."

"You are shouting 'Communism!' So is Hitler, Mussolini, the Liberty League and Hearst. You have insulted the women of our city by calling them 'hussies' and 'indecent people.' Your actions align you with those who are against the Wagner Labor Protection Act. You are in bad company, Mr. Dore."

"So, Mr. Dore, when you state that you use your office for business, then it is clear that it is not for the business of the people, but the 'business' of the Chamber of Commerce, Dave Beck, and the like."

"Mr. Mayor, the people overwhelmingly defeated you in '34, because of your anti-labor, anti-peoples record. Let me remind you, Mr. Dore, that your pal and friend, Dave Beck, supported 'Tear Gas' Charlie Smith against you and supported you only when the people defeated Smith. It was then you became Beck's 'Man Friday.'

"You are trying, by attacking the Communists, to bring back the Republican reactionary support, which in the beginning of your administration, you lost; now you hope that the support of the reactionary Republicans and that of Dave Beck's machine will put you back in office."

"I wish to take this opportunity to refute your accusations against the Communists. We communists believe in a GOOD, CLEAN, ECONOMIC, AND RESPECTABLE GOVERNMENT, a government which keeps the banner of the people high. That is WHY WE ARE FOR YOUR DEFEAT—you do not represent the people of this city. You have betrayed the mandate given to you by the people of Seattle in 1936 . . ."

"Sincerely yours,
Morris Raport
District Organizer,
District 12, C.P.U.S.A."

JUDGE DISMISSES 5 WARRANTS FOR C.P. SUPPORTERS

SAN FRANCISCO—Five felony warrants, outstanding since they were issued in 1934 against circulators of petitions to put the Communist Party on the ballot, were dismissed Saturday by Judge Sylvan Lazarus.

"In the interest of justice," was the comment of the judge in granting the motion of Attorney George Anderson.

The five accused had never been taken into custody. They were Fred Deuer, Esther Goodman, Helen Morris, William Gardner and Joseph Kahn. Two others had been arrested and convicted amid red-baiting trials in the atmosphere of induced terror that followed the 1934 maritime and San Francisco general strike.

Those convicted were Louise Todd who served in Tehachapi prison and is now on parole and Anita Whitney, against whom the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor and who served a few days in the county jail before her fine was paid by a relative.

The seven had participated in the collection of signatures on the petition to put the Communist Party on the ballot. The charges of perjury were made on testimony of police agents that they had sworn to the collection of certain signatures which were taken by other circulators of the same petition.

HE DIED AS A COMRADE AT BRUNETE

SEYMOUR ROBBINS GIVES LIFE FOR SPAIN

Seymour Robbins has given his life for the cause of world democracy in Spain. According to a recent report, he was killed in the battle of Brunete on July 15, 1937.

Robbins was known in Los Angeles as Stanley Lawrence, where he was a Communist Party functionary in 1935-36.

just before his entry to Spain, Robbins himself admitted and deplored these errors and weaknesses, his own words indicating the determination which his work at the front carried out: "Knowing myself, having this judgment of myself, having a Party decision confirming this judgment, would I not be the worst kind of a traitor to attempt to combat a correct decision? . . . I shall continue to devote my life to the proletarian revolution . . . as a technical help . . . I believe this may make me a better comrade, better able to assist in the building of Socialism . . ."

You have done that, Comrade Robbins, to the supreme extent!

In a private letter from Paris,

LABOR SWEEPS DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES IN PENN. TOWNS

STEEL AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL CENTERS HIT REACTIONARIES AT POLLS

(Special to Western Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Incomplete results of the primary elections indicate that in nearly all steel, mining, aluminum, and other industrial towns labor candidates and progressives won nominations on the Democratic ticket for various offices.

Reactionary forces within the Democratic Party were over-

CLEVELAND LABOR PUTS CANDIDATES INTO PRIMARIES

CLEVELAND — Labor's Non-

Partisan League of Cleveland has endorsed a slate of progressive councilmen for election in 21 of Cleveland's 33 wards.

The endorsements were made following a study of 73 filled-out questionnaires. The same questionnaire, containing 50 questions on labor and civil issues, had been mailed to all 210 candidates who had filed for election. Chief among these issues were: the rights of labor to organize, strike, and picket; the progressive and labor record of the candidate, and the willingness of the candidate to work together with the remaining endorsees of the League, as progressive bloc, if elected.

BUILD IN WARDS

"The chief aim of Labor's Non-Partisan League is to build a strong progressive machine in the wards," said Phil Schoenbaum, its secretary, "and to elect wherever we can those officials who will defend the civil rights of labor. We are opposed to the

FR MAKES NEW DEMANDS FOR GOV'T REFORM

Declares Constitution Was Framed for Flexible Interpretation

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt, speaking to the nation on the 150th anniversary of the constitution, denounced again in no uncertain terms the effort to set the supreme court above other branches of government and excoriated "a minority which so abuses its liberty as to do positive and definite harm to the neighbors constituting a majority."

Interpreting the constitution as "a layman's document, not a lawyers' contract," the president cited case after case in the history of America where the will of congress and the people eventually won out over a temporary supreme court majority, but warned:

COST A CIVIL WAR

"It cost a civil war to gain recognition of the constitutional power of the congress to legislate for the territories."

When the framers of the constitution, said the President, "considered the fundamental powers of the new national government they used generally, implication and statement of mere objectives, as intentional phrases which flexible statesmanship of the future, within the constitution, could adapt to time and circumstance . . ."

Yet nearly every attempt to meet those demands for social and economic betterment has been jeopardized or actually forbidden by those who have sought to read into the constitution language which the framers refused to write into the constitution."

WARN AGAINST FASCISM

Warning against the definite threat to democracy inherent in the reactionary interpretations and the aims of the economic royalists, the president made a pointed allusion to the way in which fascism came to Germany "when freedom came to mean merely humiliation and starvation."

A similar victory was recorded in the important towns of Ambridge, Aliquippa and Midland.

In Pittsburgh itself the entire progressive Democratic slate won in the primaries, although disparity in the labor movement prevented victory in some of the nearby towns. Pat Coughlin, Communist candidate, indicated a willingness to withdraw in favor of a program and slate behind which labor could mobilize for the defeat of reaction.

The Communist Party was active in the primary campaign helping to bring about the progressive victory. In a statement greeting it, the Communist Party district committee urged further unity to prevent the return of reactionary Republican administrations in the cities and towns.

LOOK AT THESE BARGAINS!

SALE PRICES UNTIL OCT. 1, 1937

	Reg. Price	Sale Price
From Bryan to Stalin	\$2.50	\$1.85
World Politics	2.00	1.65
An American Testament	3.00	2.15
Karl Marx—Mehring	2.95	2.15
Theory and Practice of Socialism	3.00	2.15
Let Me Live	2.50	1.85
Rulers of America	2.50	1.85
Collected Works of Lenin, 8 Vols.	8.00	5.00
Soviet Communism	7.50	5.00
Proletarian Literature	1.00	.85
Capital		

GOV'T THWARTS FASCIST PLOT IN MEXICO

Cardenas Spurs Drive on Armed Forces as Communists Bare Plot

MEXICO CITY—The government of President Lazaro Cardenas has begun a rapid movement to wipe out the organized armed forces of the country. On Sept. 16 the war ministry ordered the 38th infantry battalion to leave immediately for San Luis Potosi to replace the federal force stationed there.

San Luis Potosi is the center of the power of the reactionary General Cedillo, who resigned under fire recently from the ministry of agriculture. He controls the state and it is known that he maintains a formidable equipped private army.

Only a few days earlier the government had relieved him of his air force by sending its own pilots to take the planes to the capital and incorporate them in the federal army.

Bare Fascist Plot

Active fascist agitation noticeably increased after Cedillo's resignation from the cabinet, and it was believed certain that all reactionary forces were plotting the same type of revolt as that carried out in Spain to pave the way for Italian and German intervention.

The president's action in the case of the airplanes came only a few days after El Machete, organ of the Communist Party, charged that Cedillo had been buying 14 airplanes, both bomber and pursuit, to be used in rebellion against the government.

The latest move will displace a federal garrison which has been strongly suspected of working in collaboration with Cedillo. The 38th battalion is known for its efficiency in the service.

Women Drive Tractors

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Diary of An American in Spain

Food, Hospitality Improve As Men Move Toward Front



PART OF THE Tom Mooney machine gun company of the Lincoln Battalion which displayed extraordinary heroism in the Jarama offensive against the fascists.

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mounted trucks and were driven to this town the training grounds for the American and some Canadian volunteers. Everyone was in excellent spirits and sang as we rolled through the fertile Spanish countryside. We went by olive groves vineyards and wheat lands.

Spanish Soil Rich

In general I might say that the Spain we have seen thus far is a rich and fertile country capable of producing great quantities of cereals and fruits. The feudalistic character shows up in the primitive agricultural methods—plowing by oxen etc. But the land is there rich and fertile, some of it a reddish brown color like the soil of France's wine-producing provinces. One of our comrades, an agricultural worker, remarked: "This is rich land. All it needs is an efficient irrigation system and modern methods of cultivation. When we have driven the fascists from Spain we will return here and help develop the country."

The food consisted of an excellent noodle soup, stew with vegetables in it, and a cup of Spanish wine. This wine by the way is very strong, more like sherry.

After lunch we were marched to the clothing depot where we discarded our civilian clothes and, after a cold shower, put on uniforms which were given us. Each man received Khaki breeches and jacket, underwear, knapsacks, mess bags, puttees and a water bottle. Heavy army boots, tin helmets, rifles, etc. are to be issued later. We began to feel and look for the first time like soldiers.

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C. P. STRENGTH MOUNTS WITH CHINESE UNITY

Win Voice in Peoples Congress; Denounce Over-Confidence

NANKING—The identity of the Communist Party of China has been fully retained under the agreement with the National Government, by which it is the only recognized political party in China aside from the ruling Kuomintang, headed by Chiang Kai Shek.

Part of the agreement consisted in changing the name of the Chinese Red Army to the Eighth Route Army, retaining its same commanders but becoming a part of the national Chinese defense against Japan's invasion.

Wins Long Struggle

Leaders of the Kuomintang said that the Communist Party can also nominate candidates for a People's Congress, a privilege hitherto forbidden in China despite the fact that the C. P. has fought strenuously for it.

The position of the Communist Party in China today was outlined to the press by Chin Tang-hsin, general secretary, and General Yeh Chien-hing, chief of staff of the new Eighth Route Army.

Under it, the Party will maintain its headquarters in the area which its army dominates. This area, in Shensi and Kansu provinces, will be organized into a special administrative area under the central government, "with due consideration to the former status."

China and America

"The Communist Party will always remain the party of the Chinese proletariat," the Party leaders said. They characterized China's resistance to Japan as a revolution similar to America's struggle with England. Chin warned of a dangerous tendency to underestimate Japan's strength, to underestimate the Party's strength, to underestimate the Party's ability to win the war.

Matresses and blankets were supplied and we "flopped" early for a well earned rest. The comrade next to me a Canadian who spent two years in prison for being one of the leaders of the Noranda copper mine strike talked with me a while before going to sleep. "The way I dozed off," he said, speaking of his reasons for volunteering, "was that I'd much rather take the chance of getting killed fighting in Spain in the workers' cause than getting shot down by cops or framed to prison for life."

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AFL Leaders Dislike Rule of Majority

WHEN workers vote democratically in a National Labor Relations Board election, that should settle the question as to which union shall represent them.

Employers and Tory senators have howled against this for months past. Now they are joined by William Green and the State AFL henchmen. Let them speak for themselves.

They called the tune at the State Federation meeting in Long Beach by the simple process of refusing admission to anyone likely to oppose them. And among their deliberations was a vicious attack on the National Labor Relations Act. In this they only followed the footsteps of William Green, who fronts for their whole policy.

They denounced the National Labor Relations Board. They rejected a resolution favoring the settlement of jurisdictional disputes on the basis of the Wagner Act. To put it frankly, they rejected the idea of letting labor settle jurisdictional disputes by the simple process of a democratic vote. And because such votes have consistently resulted in the workers voting for CIO unions as their bargaining agency, they affirmed that activities of the board constitute "interfering in jurisdictional disputes."

William Green and his henchmen in California have overthrown the lip service they gave to this act under which labor has consistently gained the rights to which it is entitled. Green said in his Labor Day message:

"With the definite establishment of the National Labor Relations Act has come a realization to the workers that they are free to organize and establish machinery for collective bargaining without fear of retaliation or discrimination on the part of their employers and those controlling their jobs."

This is the same act they are now attacking.

What do they mean when they say the NLRB interferes in jurisdictional disputes?

In plain words they mean that they know perfectly well that if the warehousemen in San Francisco take a vote, they will vote CIO. They want no vote in such circumstances. They want obedience to their fiat.

What would they care if the labor movement were reduced to its former feebleness? Why are they helping the employers' efforts to make it so?

These gentlemen lose nothing if the labor movement is weak. They grew fat on its weakness. They know full well the employers vastly prefer to throw them a handout rather than pay the wages which fully organized, militant labor demands.

They belong with Aaron Burr and Benedict Arnold.

The Seamen Take Their Stand Against the Aggressors

MORE merchant seamen than naval men were killed during the World War.

Small wonder then, that seamen are demanding something to say about America's participation in the current war crisis. They are asked to carry cargoes through the dangerous zones. Their lives are in jeopardy.

Lives are in danger no matter whether they are carrying cargoes to help the Chinese people defend themselves against aggression or to Japan to help the aggressor and aid in fomenting a general war.

Is this an insoluble dilemma? It is not!

The seamen's position was defined very clearly by a resolution adopted at their national conference in Chicago August 30 to Sept. 1. They demanded that American vessels be "not restricted from calling at Chinese ports unless they are also restricted from the Japanese ports while Japan is the aggressor." They declared their solidarity with the Chinese people. They petitioned the government to collaborate with other powers to enforce the nine-power treaty respecting the sovereignty of China. They asked the United States to declare Japan as the aggressor and to enforce an economic embargo against her. And they demanded bonuses for any sailing whatsoever in the war zone.

The seamen, in short, stand solidly with the peace forces of the world who realize that the way to prevent war is to stop the aggressors who are making it. This is the way to safety not only for seamen but for all of the people of the country and of the world.

Meanwhile they insist that the state department of the United States take every step to protect American shipping, American crews and passengers, passing through the war zones. And they demand that the shipowners, profiting hugely by any shipping through these zones, shall pay back a bonus to the seamen.

Did Casey Trip or Was It a Somersault?

WHAT IS ALL this talk about organizing a new "maritime federation" on the Pacific Coast?

Who is behind it? Joseph Casey, one of Dave Beck's boys, for one. "We are fighting for a unified AFL maritime federation—that is our solution," said Mr. Casey at the State Federation of Labor convention.

"Then our troubles will be all over," Mr. Casey sighed.

What a rosy picture. **And how phoney!**

Does Mr. Casey think the maritime workers have so quickly forgotten that only a year ago his pals in the Teamsters' Union officialdom attacked the idea of a maritime federation as a "dual union?" Did not John O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council and a cog in the Beck machine, say only three weeks ago that the Maritime Federation never was recognized by the American Federation of Labor?

Why this superficial change of heart? Has the idea of workers' solidarity as expressed in a federation suddenly become dear to O'Connell and Casey? Is the moon really made of green cheese? Is there a Santa Claus?

No, O'Connell and Casey haven't suffered any change in their hardened artery hearts. They do not want to build a federation. **They want to wreck the one that exists!**

That is behind the Teamster embargo on the waterfront. This talk of a federation proves that the embargo is directed against ALL maritime workers and has to be fought by ALL, through the Federation which has led the men to victory in the past.

To the Garbage Dump With the Scissors

THE SAME slogan is being raised in two different kinds of places during these hectic days of struggle.

You'll hear it in little meetings of farmers and farm workers.

You'll hear it in the offices of progressives and Communists.

It's "To the Garbage Dump with the Scissors," and in both kinds of places it means ultimately the same thing.

When farmers speak of "scissors" they're talking of economic forces. They mean two continuously separating blades, one representing the prices they pay for manufactured articles, and the other representing the prices they receive for their own products.

As the blades diverge, the farmer pays more for manufactured articles than he receives for farm product. The wider the gap, the poorer the farmer becomes.

California farmers know full well what makes these blades open. In California, farming is more industrialized—more capitalistic—than in any other state of the union. More capital is invested in proportion to labor. More farm land is owned by banks and corporations.

California farmers know it's not some infallible economic law that keeps opening the scissors. They know that the reason the blades won't close, is because the bankers and monopolists fix prices.

What is more important, farmers realize that as long as the corporations and banks own the farms, the blades will never close. There'll be more and more millions of farm children picking cotton and oranges for the farm owners, while they work in rags, weak from want of nourishment, because their parents can't buy clothes and orange juice.

That's why farmers are saying "To the Garbage Dump with the Scissors," meaning, of course, an end to farm ownership by the monopolists.

And that's why farmers and progressives and Communists are raising the same slogan today. The progressives and Communists mean to dump the price-scissors too. But in order to help do this, they want to throw the editorial scissor away.

They want a press that doesn't rely on the old paste pot and scissors. They want a newspaper filled with news vital to the people, brought to them when it happens and not days or weeks later. They want an organ powerful enough to act on the farmers' demands by smashing the monopolists and destroying the price-scissors.

They want a daily Western Worker.

New York and New Deal

MUCH has been said of late about a popular swing against the New Deal and its policies.

One Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Senator Hearst quack and Nazi darling, staked his political fortunes on that alleged swing in the New York mayoralty primaries—and he got trounced.

It isn't the lot of many politicians to lose two elections in one day. Dr. Copeland performed that unusual feat, being repudiated in both the Democratic and Republican primaries.

Copeland's claims to political fame were:

Hatred of the CIO.

Opposition to the Supreme Court reform.

A consistent attack on the New Deal.

Copeland was beaten, proving that the people's affection for progressive policies and social advancement has not waned from November to September. If, in California, the people's allegiance to progressivism on a national scale were transferred onto the scene of municipal politics, the death knell for the Shaw and Rossi administrations would not be far off.

But that requires a solid front of all progressives, regardless of present political affiliation and other ties, as was forged in New York around Mayor LaGuardia and the American Labor Party.

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Saviour From Seattle

(Courtesy ILA Bulletin)



True Americanism and the Case of Justice Black

(Editorial from the Daily Worker)

GRAVE CHARGES have been made against Supreme Court Justice Black.

It is charged that he was and is a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Whether or not he still retains membership, the evidence that has been presented seems to indicate that Justice Black joined the Klan in 1923 and that he did not repudiate its support when he was elected to the Senate in 1926.

The Ku Klux Klan stands for everything that is repugnant to liberty-loving Americans. It has fomented hatred against Negroes, Jews, Catholics, the foreign-born and the labor movement. It has engaged in mob violence and terrorism. It has run rough-shod over the bill of rights and sought to destroy American democracy.

The Ku Klux Klan today, like its spawn, the Black Legion, is an instrument of big business, a bloody trail-blazer of fascism in the United States. It has no place in American life.

Real Klansmen Vs. Klanism!

That is why it is so important for the American people to understand the issues involved in the campaign against Justice Black. That is why it is so important for all progressives to keep their heads, see the real issues clearly, and act accordingly.

For the fact remains that the whole question of Justice Black's connection with the Klan was originally raised by those very forces which are pro-moting Klanism, Black Legionism and vigilanism, the Wall Street Liberty League crowd and their Tory Republican and Democratic agents in congress.

And they have raised it not in order to wipe out Klanism, but to strengthen all it stands for.

They have raised it in order to defeat Supreme Court reform, the block needed social legislation, to strike a blow at the CIO and all progressive movements.

THIS IS an all-important point to remember if the progressives are not to be trapped into playing the reactionaries' game.

Wall Street Backs Klansman

The link between the economic royalists of Wall Street and Klanism, Black Legionism and vigilanism has been proved beyond a doubt.

It was the Liberty League which, as last year's Senate investigation showed, provided the cash for ex-Governor Talmadge's violently anti-Negro "grass roots" convention, where Klanism was in full flower. It was the Liberty League, which financed the anti-Semitic Sentinels of the Republic, the fascist Crusaders and numerous other organizations that spread the creed of hate and bigotry throughout the country.

It was the auto barons, led by Henry Ford and such Liberty Leaguers as Alfred P. Sloan Jr., head of General Motors, and Alvan Macauley, president of the Automobile Manufacturers' Association, who funded and financed the Black Legion.

And it is this same big business crowd who have joined with Tammany Hall to elect as mayor of New York Royal S. Copeland, who has himself been endorsed by Dr. Hiram W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan.

THESE are facts which must be borne in mind. The real aims of those who are today exploiting Justice Black's connection with the Klan spell

JAPAN IN NEW NANKING RAIDS

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struction of Nanking. His plan was to move the headquarters to Wuhan, about thirty miles from the Chinese capital.

Cholera and Hunger Threaten in Shanghai

SHANGHAI — Cholera and hunger became a major threat here, with foreign observers pre-

dicting that food riots involving millions of starving Chinese civilians are inevitable unless Japanese food warehouses in the Hongkew district are opened.

Japanese Tuesday issued a "final" refusal to do so.

Shanghai authorities were expected to appeal to the American, British and French consulates.

While the cholera epidemic had not yet reached large scale proportions, it was expected to do so in the state of general confusion and misery to which the Chinese population has been reduced.

In Hongkong Alfred Hicks, editor of the Hongkong Telegraph, died of cholera.

Soviets Have Surplus

MOSCOW—Savings bank deposits in the USSR have grown by 222 million rubles for the first quarter of 1937. On April 1, 1937, there were 14 million accounts totalling 3,750,000 rubles in deposits.

U.S.S.R. Stadia Built

MOSCOW — During the past summer 50 new stadias and 2,400 sports grounds were opened in the cities and villages of the single Soviet Republic of Kazakhstan. A particularly large stadium with seating capacity for 10,000 is being built in Karaganda by the Coalminers' Union.

Behind the Stock Mart

By ELLIOT JANEWAY

While the prophets of a new and greater prosperity busily scanned the distant horizons to determine whether 1940 would be a more prosperous year than 1939, and 1941 than 1940, the stock market broke wide open in celebration of Labor Day.

And as if to acknowledge that this Labor Day was being celebrated by a labor movement far more powerful than for many a year, the stock market collapse was itself greater than any collapse has been since the dark days of 1931.

Profits in Star-Gazing

On Sept. 24, 1931, the average price of industrial stocks responded to Hoover's prediction of a new boom by falling 8.20 points. Hoover has now become a literary figure, but his vice-president, Gen. Dawes, has remained in the star-gazing business. While he was protesting from his Chicago bank office that he could see no sign of a new "crisis of confidence," the same industrial average was responding to his touch in the best Hoover fashion, dropping by 8.16 points.

The market collapse which forced such popularly-owned stocks as Chrysler, General Motors, General Electric, U. S. Steel and Anaconda Copper down by \$10 a share in some cases, and more in others, is of course hard on the little fellows who have been putting their money into Wall Street again. It is hard on the universities which have also been placing a greater percentage of their endowments in stocks. But it seems that the big fellows have known for some time that a crash was due.

Small Investors Hold Bag

For they were not caught holding the bag when the crash came. Thus Sears-Roebuck, a market favorite, fell over \$6 a share to a new low on the fatal day of Sept 7, but L. J. Rosenwald, of the controlling family, and Robert E. Wood, the president, had already sold out over 8,500 shares between them. Marshall Field stock followed the same dismal course, but the Field interests had previously disposed of nearly 19,000 shares. Int'l. Harvester dropped nearly \$5 a share, but the McCormick estate had liquidated its holdings at the peak.

Other department store stocks which fell sharply were sold by Lehman Bros., by the Gimbel's and by the Bloomingdale interests. Chrysler stock has suffered severely from the panic, but Hutchinson of the company's finance committee has been selling his Chrysler stock holdings for some time. Another stock to hit new lows was Colgate-Palmolive-Peet. Again, in this case, over 10,000 shares were sold out profitably by one of the company's inner circle before the decline set in.

Consumers' Goods Gain

Explanation for the new panic is implicit in the nature of the business done by the companies mentioned. Department stores, mail order houses, makers of farm implements, autos and household articles, these are the companies which profited most during the early stages of recovery from the sharp rise in mass income. Their products have been sold in new record volumes to wage earners and farmers whose living standards have risen with recovery.

Today this movement is being challenged by the changing policy of the administration towards farm income, by the new offensive being prepared by big business against wages, by the relentless advance in living costs and not least, by the ever-larger share of mass income being claimed not by genuine makers of consumers' goods but by interest payments for goods bought on time.

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FIELD NOTES

Los Angeles on Way

With ROSE BUSH heading the Drive Committee, Los Angeles is under way in the Financial Drive. Several important steps have been taken by the Committee and include: The publication of a miniature Western Worker once each month of the Drive in an edition of 2,500 copies, three radio broadcasts are announced with AL RICHMOND, CLARENCE HATHAWAY AND PAUL CLINE speaking, the printing of 25,000 special campaign folders, and regular press releases to all local and labor press on the progress of the Drive.

Santa Barbara Set

Santa Barbara has lined up its best forces and has completed organization of the apparatus for the Drive. With a reputation to maintain (made in the sub Drive) they have elected MARGARET W. as chairman and ALICE C. as treasurer of the Drive Committee. In addition, Santa Barbara has elected a strong publicity committee to popularize the Drive in the widest manner. EMMA M., VICTOR M., MARY W., AND BETTY T. make up this Committee.

(Incidentally, out of the above comrades, one finds that five are women. Santa Barbara has developed one of the best and most active corps of women comrades in the State.)

On Sept. 18, Santa Barbara will celebrate the Anniversary of our Party and the American Constitution with proceeds going to the Drive. On Sept. 25, they will hold a rummage sale at the Workers' Center, Unit No. 2 will hold a house party on the 23rd.

San Diego Starts

JEAN RICHARDSON heads the Drive in San Diego with ANNE DAILEY as secretary of the Drive Committee. (More women—and more power to 'em!) All units have elected Drive Directors and will hold a joint dinner for the Drive on Saturday, Sept. 25th. A Carnival is announced for October 31st.

Los Angeles Again

Los Angeles means to use Socialist Competition with a vengeance during the Drive. Just take a look at the awards put up by the County Drive Committee: Sections in the county have been divided into two parts and first prize in the drive will be a dinner in honor of the winning section to be given by the County Committee. 2nd prize will be a portable typewriter and 3rd prize a mimeograph machine.

Awards for individuals are really something to shoot for. 1st prize will mean that the comrade winning will go as an Honorary Delegate to the next NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE PARTY!

Utah Writes

From the Utah Section of the Communist Party comes a letter announcing that they will enter whole-heartedly into the Drive for a Daily "Western." Utah has done excellent work in the past on the yearly Daily Worker Drives and now their energies will be turned into the work of establishing a daily paper that will be the voice of all Western labor.

Sacramento Wakes Up

We thought maybe Sacramento had gone to sleep, but speaking through MIKE MARVOS, Drive Director, here's a cheerful earful:

Sacramento is already using the collection lists and the comrades are concentrating on the day's wages and pledges now. With a quota of \$500, they expect to raise \$200 by the latter method before Oct. 1st. Most units have accepted quotas.

The County Committee is mailing out 250 letters to sympathizers and friends and other means will be used to widen and popularize the base of the Drive.

Merced Notes

The basic wealth of California is in agriculture and the small farmers of this golden state will have no small say in coming events. Down at Livingston, a hard plugging group of farmers met recently, accepted a quota of \$200 for the Drive, and selected dairyman BILL STANDRIDGE and their Drive Director for Merced County. This group is doing everything it can to see that the small farmers join hands with the city workers to present a common front against the common enemies of both sections of the people.

WORKERS' HEALTH

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL

Correcting Congested Throat and Nasal Conditions

Dear Doctor Bissell:
What can be done at home to cure or improve phlegm in the throat every morning?

Phlegm in the throat is due to an infection in the sinuses or nasal passages, usually the former. It can be cured only by a competent doctor, but sometimes may be helped by self-treatment. This consists in keeping the nasal passages well open so that they can drain properly. To this end, follow this procedure two or three times a day:

Place three to four drops of a 1 per cent watery solution of ephedrine, which can be obtained from your druggist, in each nostril, then lie face downward on the bed and hang your head over the edge so that the top of your head is nearest the floor. Hold this position for three to five minutes.

Beloved Chu Teh, Idol of the People!

By CHANG

Among the masses of China legends are current, full of heroism, about new people who are freeing China from thousands of years of oppression, slavery and violence, who are breaking the imperialist chains which fetter the people and the country.

These legends acclaim the courage of the people who are building up a new country on the remains of the old. In these legends, there is an invincible knight, a healer of the people's sorrows, who rids them of oppression and suffering.

The people have given him a strong and simple name—Chu Teh.

This fearless commander-in-chief of the former Chinese Red Army, now the Eighth Route Army, hails from Szechuan, a province of South China, where he spent a good part of his life.

Chu Teh gave many years of his life to arduous, exhausting labor as a coolie. His hands and shoulders are hardened and marked by proletarian labor. He saw the life of the long-suffering people of China at close quarters.

HOROR OF FEUDAL SLAVERY

His memory has become indelibly lined with awful pictures of the enslaved Chinese villages, fettered in chains of feudalism, pining away under barbarous exploitation and oppression, and of the poor working people in the towns, clasped by the grip of imperialism.

With tremendous strength of will, he restrained the storm of indignation which surged in his brain. Stupendous courage was combined in him with a clear, analytical mind. He understood perfectly that one cannot battle single handed against such overwhelming forces.

He first came into contact with military affairs in the school of the Yunnan militarists, and immediately grasped the tremendous importance of military measures in the struggle of the people. From this time onward he became such a capable student that the hard-boiled generals who were his teachers feebly shrugged their shoulders: they could not tell him what they themselves did not know.

Within a few years he enjoyed fame as an excellent military specialist. The big militarists fought among themselves for the honor of having him in their armies. And the silent Chu Teh watched these quarrels and smiled: he had long ago chosen the road he intended to follow.

THE ROAR OF OCTOBER

The roar of the waves of the great proletarian revolution of October, 1917, met with a sharp echo in China. Soon the Chinese Communist Party was

Pamphlets Tell of Spy Secrets at Home and Abroad

"The Spy at Your Counter," by Elizabeth Lawson, Workers' Library Publishers.

A salesgirl, trapped by a spy, beaten, tormented into signing a phoney confession of stealing, fired! The real reason . . . union activity or maybe she's just the goat because the spy service company needs more and more clients. How this spy system operates in hotels and stores throughout the country, how it operates in stores right here in San Francisco (names given) is told with documentary proof in "The Spy at Your Counter."

The Willmarc and Hindley systems, two of the largest racketeers in this field are described in detail. Following their operation step by step this little pamphlet shows how they first convinced the boss that they are needed by trumped up charges against one or two of his employees . . . preferably a union man. It tells with proof how they harass honest workers, trap them into making mistakes, persuade them into "disloyal" statements, force the speed-up system on them with stop watches and reports, force them into signing forged contracts when they want to make a "hit." And it quotes from a bulletin advertising their black-list available to all clients and prospective customers!

It's an amazing, a horrible story but it's true, every word of it. It's a story you'll want to read and pass on to your friends for your protection and theirs. And it's one of the best reasons for joining a union and fighting this thing in the only way it can be fought . . . by organized workers through the strength of their numbers!

"ESPIONAGE" by S. URANOV, International Publishers, Inc.

Secret service agents at work in the Soviet Union! Who are they? What countries send them? How do they work? How do they trap unsuspecting citizens into their work? Fascinating as a murder mystery, hideous as only murder, wrecking, sabotage can be, their story is here, told by a Soviet writer in case after case discovered by the Soviet government.

The disclosures are sensational, it is true, but it is a commonplace that countries send spies into even friendly countries. Why shouldn't they go to the utmost limits to do everything in their power to destroy the only workers and peo-

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Brophy Pledges Full Support of CIO to Longshoremen

All Money and Men Needed to Be Used To Fight Beck Raid

CIO Director Feels ILA Victory Is Certain As Soon As Public and Teamsters Learn True Facts

By JOHN BROMAN

SAN FRANCISCO—"Whatever is necessary to support Harry Bridges and our other field workers on the Pacific Coast, in the way of men and money, will be given by the Committee for Industrial Organization to advance the CIO program on the Pacific Coast."

The calm, incisive national director of the CIO, John Brophy, pulled no punches last Saturday morning at a press conference as he outlined plans to break the blockade and lockout instituted by Teamsters' Union officials against the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union.

"Our first job will be to acquaint the workers and general public with the fact that the action by the Teamsters' officials is anti-labor and anti-social, that it is not only against public interest but also against the best interests of labor," declared Brophy.

"Through this educational campaign, many rank and file teamsters will become aware of the vicious role their leaders are calling on them to act."

Take All Needed

"We will coordinate the CIO strength and direct pressure against action of the Teamsters' officials. We'll take whatever steps are necessary to protect our position."

Brophy stated he believed that an unwillingness on the part of rank and file teamsters to be used to break down labor's position, will have its effect on Teamsters' leaders.

"They'll adjust their position," he said. "They can't do otherwise. Their position is not too secure. If the resentment of labor and public opinion is aroused, there'll be resistance to the tactics they are now engaged in."

Brophy said he and Lee Pressman, General CIO counsel, were sent here by John L. Lewis to assist the ILWU.

Hits, Tall Talk

"Frankly," he said, "I'm convinced that much the AFL officials are saying is tall talk. Talk of a boycott against CIO products is just empty talk. Put to the test, it breaks down because they can't make it effective."

"They can't invoke a holy war among the AFL rank and file against the CIO, because the CIO program and policy—to extend organization to workers in industries previously unorganized—is in line with the desire of every honest trade unionist. The boycott, where attempted, will break down because it has no mass support."

CIO leader cited many basic products, steel, lumber, etc., produced by CIO members. He also pointed to the tremendous increase in union membership, with 3,700,000 in the CIO, including over 400,000 in auto, over 500,000 in steel, 75,000 in rubber—all achieved in the past 16-18 months.

"The United Rubber Workers a year and a half ago had 250 members in scattered locals, disillusioned, discouraged. The convention just adjourned showed 75,000 dues paying members.

"This was done because of a correct program, and a leadership who stirred the imagination and had the courage to drive through."

Same on West Coast

"The story of the CIO is the story of recruiting members on a big scale, a story of wage gains and improved conditions. This has captured the imagination of the workers generally."

"As to the West Coast, the situation is part of the pattern of American life. Workers here are the same as everybody else. They want a correct policy leading to a better organization of forces."

"We have a good deal of organized strength. What we need now is coordination of our strength, unification of forces, a centralized direction."

To Invoke Labor Act

In regard to the waterfront lockout, Brophy said the National Labor Relations Board would be invoked where situations require it. Asked by a capitalist press reporter, if the board would be invoked if the Teamsters' officials "organized part of the warehousemen into their union," Pressman laughed and said it would be impossible.

"What if we organized one-half or two thirds of the teamsters?" countered Bridges. That's a lot greater possibility."

Outlining legal plans, Pressman stated: "There are several federal statutes which provide

MOONEY HAILS PLAN TO START DAILY PAPER

Famed Prisoner Tells Own Experiences in Issuing Workers' Newspaper

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1,911,200 copies. The lead story for that issue, Mooney recollects with a strong smile, was the heinous kidnapping of John McNamara. This incident was the beginning of the Los Angeles bosses' plot which finally landed "Jack" behind the bars at Folsom Prison where he is at present.

Voice of the People

True enough, the "Revolt" kept coming out for only eleven months, but during this time Mooney and his brothers learned many things. Primarily, though, they learned the value and purpose of the working class press.

"A voice!" Mooney told me, "a voice of the people that's what workers' newspaper must be. The Daily Western Worker must give a day by day account of the workers' struggles, must teach them the necessity for unity of the working class and must expose the bosses' policy of 'Divide and Rule.'"

Asked for a comment on the State Federation of Labor convention in Long Beach, where Jack Shelley and other delegates were beaten by goon squads, Brophy replied:

"It is significant that the appeal to reason and good sense, which these two men (Shelley and George Kidwell, S. F. Bakewagon Drivers) made, was met by violence. This is a sign and interpretation of the state of mind of the leadership of the State Federation and the AFL generally."

"Violence in this situation shows that these men feel they are slipping, and they have no adequate program to meet the situation, so they resort then to force. They seek to silence criticism, even within their own ranks, by violence."

Shame and Discredit

"It is to the shame and discredit of the Federation officials to have permitted the situation to develop which resulted in the beating of Shelley. That there was no action or investigation about this situation shows that the Federation officers were culpable and to a degree responsible for this attack."

"There was no repudiation either," interposed Bridges.

Brophy Flayed the Contract

Signed by AFL officials with Northern California cannery workers covering 70,000 workers as basis for a complaint to the Labor Board for interference with the right to organize. "That agreement," he said, "has no more validity than a yellow dog contract."

Asked what his first step would be in the waterfront situation, Brophy said that depends on what the Teamsters' officials think.

Longshoremen Can Hold Out

"We could say its their next move—our men are working," declared Bridges.

"Normally and ordinarily, at least 40 to 50 per cent of the cargoes move off the docks in cars. Since the blockade started, the freight has increased to an additional 20 or 25 per cent moving on cars. Barging operations have also increased a little. Only about 15 per cent of the cargoes is remaining on the docks. I can say it will be about six months from now before the docks will possibly be clogged up."

"As long as 30 per cent of our men are employed full time, we can put in a rotating system which will give our men 30 per cent normal work, which is enough to keep them going indefinitely. As far as the warehousemen are concerned, it makes more work for them because, instead of the teamsters being there to help the warehousemen unload the trucks, the warehousemen have to do all the work. It will take one month before the blockade will take effect enough to seriously hit the longshoremen."

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Sweet Victory for Girls

TOLEDO—Over 50 girls employed by the Toledo Candy Co. won a short, snappy strike, gaining a closed shop agreement, wage increases of 10c and 12c an hour, shorter hours, time-and-a-half for overtime and seniority.

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Refugees Reach France



THE SMALL freighter, Cantabria, on the sands of Lacanau beach near Bayonne, France, after it had run aground while carrying 450 refugees who fled from the path of Franco's invading mercenaries in Santander.

McLaughlin Defies U. S. Board Ruling

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hat 80 per cent of Oakland teamsters were in sympathy with the Longshoremen in the present

ex-president of the ILA district, announced himself as president and Ray Calkins, Tacoma, as vice-president.

Joint meetings, in the morning, were under auspices of a group of Teamsters' Union officials directing the dock embargo. They included McLaughlin, Joseph M. Casey, Charles Real and Jack Carter.

Comment on the waterfront was that all the men present had been overwhelmingly repudiated by the membership and the so-called new district could, at best, be a paper organization, and at worst, a racket.

A great deal of suspicion was attached to the fact that in the invitation to the conference, E. G. Dietrich wrote:

"The district will pay the transportation and \$10 per day for one delegate from each local."

Since Dietrich has no access to district funds, the money was generally regarded as Ryan money.

L.A. Aircraft Co. Violated Contract

DECATUR, Ala.—Formal notice of appeals for two more Scottsboro defendants, Charlie Weems and Andy Wright, were filed here Sept. 16, smashing all that remains of false rumors that Judge W. W. Callahan and reactionary Alabama politicians had reached an "agreement" with the Scottsboro defense to compromise the cases of the boys who remain in jail.

New trials for the two boys were denied last month by Callahan. His anti-Negro remarks at the trial are among the grounds cited in the appeal. Weems was sentenced to 75 years and Wright 99 years.

The appeals were filed by Attorneys Osmond K. Fraenkel and Samuel S. Leibowitz, both attorneys having been retained by the Scottsboro National Defense Committee.

Not wanting to put an unnecessary strain on him however, I took my leave at once.

But before I left, Tom Mooney gave me one of those firm handshakes that only he can give:

"Give my warm Labor Day greetings to all my friends."

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Stanford U. Hospital Fired Worker for Union Activity

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Sunnyvale Cannery Workers Are 95 Per Cent Strong for CIO

WORKER FIRED BY HOSPITAL FOR UNIONISM

Stanford U. Hospital In Action Against Union Steward

By a Hospital Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — In reference to the conditions that exist in some of our hospitals, I should like to cite one incident that came to my own knowledge a few months back.

A union steward at the Stanford University Hospital was discharged for so-called inefficiency on duty. She had worked at this hospital for nearly three years, and on many occasions she had been complimented on her ability and neatness in her work.

Fired for Unionism

One month before her dismissal there had been a union dispute, so Mr. Cooper, treasurer for the Hospital and Institutional Workers Union, was called to the hospital.

There, before Mr. Cooper and Business Agent M. J. Rowan and several other witnesses, Dr. Whitecotton stated himself that Mrs. Loyd was one of the best maids in the hospital. Yet only one month after this incident happened, Mrs. Loyd was rudely ousted from the employ of the hospital.

The reason for this dismissal is very evident in the fact that Mrs. Loyd was organizing the Stanford Hospital and had the workers in the union, an AFL union. The AFL officials were so ignorant of the situation not only in the hospital but in their own organization, that they did not know the Wagner Act does not cover hospitals, and they had to go to the National Labor Relations Board headquarters to find out the facts.

Union Officials Scored

Mrs. Loyd was one of the first from the outside institution, meaning the Stanford Hospital as the union calls the private hospital, to join the union. Because she tried to be a progressive, the union officials have no time even to place her in another institution.

Only a few days ago Mrs. Loyd had occasion to go to the Stanford Hospital office on behalf of a union member who could not go there himself. Upon entering the office, she was met by Miss Smith, who in a very insulting manner, demanded what Mrs. Loyd was doing in the building, which did not concern her in the least because Mrs. Loyd had to see Mr. Ross.

Anti-Union Bureaucrat

Mrs. Smith is, in my mind, a poor person to have in any big institution. It is a very poor policy in the hospital.

Every time she has spoken to the maids, it has always been in a crude manner. She even went so far as to tell Mrs. Loyd to tell all those maids and porters that they would not get a raise unless the union could pay it.

Worker Points Out Bad Conditions in Alameda Hospitals

By a Hospital Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — In the special Labor Day edition of the Western Worker I read with interest an article by a medic on the conditions prevailing in Alameda county institutions. I have worked there, too. It is too bad that the employees of the said institutions are very slow in responding to the call of the union formed there last March.

The married ones are plainly afraid (who intimidated them?) and a few of the younger and unattached workers are allegedly of the informed type.

"Loyal" Workers

It is significant that the employers call this latter type "loyal" workers. Is there any "loyalty" in a worker who will stab his co-worker in the back?

The employers are no fools; they know the right answer as well as anyone else. And yet they insist on calling the snappers, spies and various similar specimens of the same ilk "loyal." Why? Are the employers merely using them as catpaws?

Or do they believe that they are already fighting with their backs against a wall, as organized labor grows stronger every day?

Union Wins Closed Shop In LA Wilcox Cafeterias

LOS ANGELES — Four Wilcox cafeterias have given in to the Culinary Workers Union, AFL, which has been on strike, and have granted a closed shop to the union.

Milk Salesman Works; No Pay

By a Worker Correspondent, BERKELEY — I just heard a good one. A salesman for a milk company here on San Pablo Ave., a young man from the east, stopped in at my house the other day trying to get customers or orders for milk. He will say he gets 50 cents an order. He was out from 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. when he talked to me, he did not have one order.

He had had no lunch. He has a family to care for in the East and plans to go back as soon as he can. No more California for him of course.

Yet he could get no help from the state because he has only been in California for five months. You know that old gag, of course.

C. P. BRANCH IN L. A. IS LIVE WIRE

Wins Respect for Party Among the Negro People

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES — Branch 1, Downtown Section of the Communist Party, is in action on neighborhood work in a Negro territory. Committees are going out every week with literature, house to house and are gaining more ground and the attention of the people.

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Food contractors made fortunes in those days, and, as cooks and stewards were collaborating with the packers, the expense of feeding cannery workers hit an all time low. If one has the initiative to visit grave yards adjacent to the canneries today, some of the victims of this malnutrition may be seen to have found their destination.

CANNER SHOWS BENEFITS WON BY HIS UNION

Alaska Cannery Workers Secured Phenomenal Changes

By a Karluk Canner

LARSEN BAY, ALASKA — To those who made some of the "misery expeditions" under the Mayer and Young regime, must come the realization of the phenomenal change that has been wrought under the leadership of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union in the two years of its history.

There is enough material by which to compare the old system and the present one to write a huge volume, but I will confine myself simply to the confine of food under the two systems.

Foul Food in Old Days

The testimony of old timers in Alaska cannerys with regard to the food doled out by the "Devil-fish of Grant Ave." is almost unbelievable. Workers were forced to eat food which was unfit for human consumption.

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Packers Callous

Of those who lived through these horrors one need not ask questions. The evidence of past exploitation is stamped upon their faces and bodies as well. The packers said: "Oh, what the hell, just a bunch of stiffs from the jungles and the skid road," and the game went merrily, merrily on—until 1936.

Even in 1936, with our union fully recognized, the packers were attempting to start the same old game again. Those who made the trip to Bristol Bay on that seafaring bucking bronco, the "Archie," will recall the "dining room" located right next to the toilet and the soup line system of rationing out food.

Different Under Union

We here in Karluk hope that all other cannerys have been as fortunate as ourselves in succeeding with the question of food, cooks, bakers, etc.

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For a Mass Party

We sell about \$4 worth of literature every week and are planning in the near future to open up a library in the neighborhood.

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Note for Alaska Union Permit Men

By an Alaska Canner

SAN FRANCISCO — Permit men of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union have been assented an initiation fee of \$10 for the first year but for the second season the fee will be only \$5 union officials announced last week. With conclusion of the second season the men are eligible for membership providing their work and conduct has been satisfactory.

Peace Petition Rushed

NEW YORK — The American League Against War and Fascism here is seeking 100,000 signatures to peace petition asking Pres. Roosevelt to invoke the Kellogg peace pact and the 9-power treaty against Japan's war of conquest in the Far East.

M'LAUGHLIN FREED PAPER FOR HEARST'S S. F. EXAMINER AS "PERISHABLE" CARGO

By a Waterfront Worker

SAN FRANCISCO — Soon after the Labor Day Parade, the screaming, frantic headlines in the capitalist press almost ceased. McLaughlin found out, as was expected, that the so-called San Francisco tie-up did not take effect, except chiefly to keep some teamsters from working.

He also found out he was making a fool of himself in the eyes of the San Francisco labor movement.

Helped Hearst

He further found out that his duty as a disrupter of the Labor Day parade was performed. Many union men were "scared" away from participating by his misleading headlines in the capitalist sheets.

However, Mr. McLaughlin has taught the San Francisco waterfront worker something with

From Dust-bowl to Lake in Two Years



IN 1934 the 2800-acre bed of Lake Tewaukon in southeastern Dakota was a useless dust bowl. In 1936 damming operations for water conservation were begun and were completed the following year. The area is now covered with water.

FILIPINO STRIKE LEADERS FRAMED BY SUGAR BARONS

Suspended Sentences for All But One, Johnson Flayed Hawaii Bosses

By a Worker Correspondent

HONOLULU, T. H. — The determination of the sugar planters to crush the Maui strike was shown in all its strength Wednesday, September 8, when the eight Maui Filipino strike leaders were judged guilty of "conspiracy in the third degree." They were accused of hog-tying one Anastacio Managan when he refused to go on strike. The jury deliberated two hours then returned its verdict.

Upon recommendation of special prosecutor William B. Lymer, the sentences were suspended for 13 months. Grover Johnson, Int'l. Labor Defense attorney, accepted the suspension for his six defendants. Florentino Cabe, strike leader, defended himself, accepting the suspension.

Fagel Refused Suspension

When the judge asked Antonio Fagel, strike leader also defending himself, if he wished the suspension, Fagel replied: "If I accept it, I will go on thinking as I do now, and I will be in trouble just the same. I can only behave as always and then I will be involved again without knowing. I have always tried to be a same human being. It is beyond my intelligence that I should be in this trouble."

The judge then inquired if that meant Fagel would accept his sentence. Fagel replied:

"I can't behave better than before in spite of the great interests that persecute me because I tried to open the eyes of my people. I have been judged guilty but I am willing to serve my punishments."

The judge sentenced him to jail for a period of four months, and to pay the fine of \$1.

Johnson Flays Bosses

In Grover Johnson's address to the jury, the court heard words that had never knocked its walls before.

"The jury," Johnson said, "is the only force standing between the most powerful interests of the Hawaiian Islands and these working men. Under our system of profit the most heinous crime a man can commit, is to go against the profits of the ruling class. These men have done that."

"This is the most expensive misdemeanor case in the history of the Hawaiian Islands. A conservative estimate reveals that \$5,000 has been expended in the trial of this case."

High-Powered Prosecution

This prosecution has its daily record. I'm not able to buy a carbon copy. Look (he held up his notes) these are all I've got. The prosecution has a special interpreter, has a special reporter besides the court reporter. This is the first time I've ever seen such in any but a murder case.

And Mr. Lymer blames the defendants for the expense.

"What about Quizio?" (Quizio was dismissed from trial because of the lack of evidence against him.) Should he have pleaded guilty? He had to suffer with no guilt. He suffered so that all strike leaders would be dragged in to break the plantation strike on Maui. That is all this case is about.

"This is a conspiracy case all right. But Mr. Lymer made a mistake in naming the defendants. They should have been Managan, Frank Baldwin, Suiso, Guanzon, charged with maliciously imprisoning these defendants."

New Deal Backed

SEATTLE — Neither Governor Martin nor all his Demo-Publicans can keep us from importing the New Deal into the State of Washington. Howard Costigan, executive secretary of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, keynote at the annual convention of that body.

A. F. L. REFUSED AID TO FIELD, CANNER UNIONS

Alaska Canner Shows Why Unions Affiliated With CIO

By Alaska Canner Worker
SAN FRANCISCO — Votes on a referendum now being conducted by the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, Local 20195, on affiliation to the CIO, will be counted when the crews from the South Eastern Canneries, Chignik and Nyak, return to San Francisco on or about September 23 and their votes also been cast.

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO — It is of many will remember that every importance to all Alaska cannerys, the progress that the Committee for Industrial Organization has been making, and particularly what has been accomplished in the past several months by the CIO.

Many will remember that every honest, conscientious effort has been made to obtain an international charter from the American Federation of Labor, which would cover cannery, agricultural packing house, dried fruit, meat packers and other allied workers engaged in similar work.

By a Worker Correspondent
GLENDALE — We are forming a "Friends of the Western Worker Club" here. We are laying the groundwork now for such a club by arranging for a large houseparty to launch the club, on Saturday, September 25, 8 p.m., at 410 West Maple St.

I recently secured a yearly sub from a very prominent member of the Newspaper Guild, who is one of the leading reporters on one of the leading dailies. He also gave me a pledge of \$1 per month during the drive for the Daily Western Worker. He never had read a copy of the "Western" until last week.

Contact Work
I wish it were possible to give my entire time to contact work. Among the professional middle class are literally thousands ready to be harvested into the work.

It takes people specially adapted to that particular work to get results, and if these people are properly approached, they are easy. I do not mean they would immediately become suitable for strategic Party work, but certainly they are ready and willing for what they are best fitted to do.

CIO Gave Charter
The CIO was previously appealed to for an international charter, and assurance was made by John L. Lewis and John Brophy, that in the event the convention was called, and if delegates came instructed to vote for CIO affiliation, that an international charter would be granted.

Johnson then shot at the monoplies in the Hawaiian Islands. He said they were conspiracy in the second degree. He reiterated that the case was a conspiracy on the part of the HSPA to prevent unionization of labor men.

Strike Leader Militant
Another highlight of the closing hours of the trial was the defendant Florentino Cabe's defiance of the sugar planters.

"This is the last opportunity I have to speak," he said, "and I want to give notice to the HSPA and especially to Mr. Lymer, that regardless of what may happen, I'll continue to organize my brother Filipinos, because I have dedicated my only life to fight to the best of my ability to bettering their living conditions."

"I know of no better way to organize all the Filipinos into one big union and to join any other unions regardless of race or nationality."

The verdict of guilty beaten from a sellout jury reaps \$5,000 worth of satisfaction for the HSPA. But the fat smugness of Bevins and Lymer and the jollity of the powerful gang behind them, are buttery smiles to conceal their wrath as they watch the Maui workers go on strike again, as they see the strength of the Port Allen tie up the solidarity of the laundry workers on Hill, and the growing power of the Hawaiian Islands Federation of Labor.

Labor Grows in Strength
Labor seems to be kicking up everywhere and all at once. William B. Lymer admitted in court that he knew things were different these days and that there did have to be smaller profits, but good heavens, we must watch out or there'll be a revolution here.

A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

"No foundation for antagonism between progressive trade unionist and Communist trade unionist," declares Earl Browder--United Electrical & Radio Workers Union grows from 25,000 to 125,000 members in one year--Additional labor news on regular news pages.

Browder Gives Policy Of C.P. in Auto Union

SAYS HOMER MARTIN WAS MISINFORMED

Communist General Sec'y States Basic Position On Trade Unionism

NEW YORK--Homer Martin's recent attack upon the Communist Party must have been based upon misinformation "by persons interested in creating artificial controversy," charged Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, in a letter to the president of the United Automobile Workers of America.

"There is absolutely no foundation for any antagonism between a progressive trade unionist and a Communist trade unionist," wrote Browder. His letter, which outlined basic trade union policy of the Communist Party, is as follows:

Dear Brother Martin:

On August 31, I sent you the following telegram:

"May I ask you to deny or confirm statement of Milwaukee Journal today that you spoke of Communists as quite destructionists in the UAW unquote and you asked quote what were Earl Browder and Clarence Hathaway doing in Milwaukee at the time the convention was in session unquote. Knowing unprincipled character of Milwaukee Journal and its desire to stir up strife among auto workers and their friends, I am anxious to be able to denounce this particular example. I am awaiting your telegraphic answer before making any public statement."

Up to date I have received no answer. I must therefore conclude that the press did not misquote you, but that, on the contrary, you must have been misinformed by persons interested in creating artificial controversy.

Whereas: Under the leadership of a few dictators of a once well respected labor union, the Brotherhood of Teamsters, one of the most vicious attempts in the history of the labor movement is being made here on the Pacific Coast to tear asunder the greatest badge of honor that labor has built up between the labor bodies, that of solidarity,

Business Agent Bob Says

IT happened in Detroit, but it goes for the Pacific Coast as well.

"The trouble in the automobile industry," said a member of the CIO United Auto Workers of America, "is that the bosses want us to do five day's work in four days for three days' pay."

TEAMO CZARS ARE ACCUSED

Blame Placed for Beatings At State AFL Meet

SAN FRANCISCO--A resolution blaming Teamsters' Union officials for the attacks on delegates to the State Federation of Labor convention, has been sent to the convention meeting in Long Beach by the United Textile Workers Local 71. Signed by Alice Rosario, president; Ted Holdorf, secretary, and Sonia Baltzun, organizer and business agent, the resolution states:

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and

Workers Beaten Up

Whereas: In this so-called jurisdiction "war to a finish" decreed by these dictators, the Teamster good squads have terrorized and beaten up workers and local union leaders who would not obey mandates of this dictatorship, and

Whereas: The last vestige of patience has been destroyed by uncalled for assault of the teamster goon squads upon Brother Jack Shelley, president of San Francisco Central Labor Council, Brother Burns and others, now

Blame Teamster Officials

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the Textile Workers Union of San Francisco, most vigorously protests against this assault and calls upon labor to lay the blame directly upon the heads of Teamster officials, and calls upon the delegates of the State Federation of Labor convention to go on record to take a stand against these terrorist acts by investigating the activities of these good squads, and

Be It Further Resolved: That we call upon other labor unions to take action likewise.

For Disciplined Unions

First, let me state that whenever informed you that either I or Clarence Hathaway were "secretly" in Milwaukee during the Auto Convention, is a lie. If I had been in or near Milwaukee I would not have kept my secret, but would have publicly visited your Convention because of my interest in it, which I share with all intelligent people. The Communist Party has no secret aim or policies; it has not the slightest desire to control the Auto Union or any other. The Communists are opposed to unauthorized strikes, and are for a disciplined union in every case based upon trade union democracy. The members of all its members that their every word and act shall be directed toward unity of all constructive forces of the trade unions. There is absolutely no foundation for any antagonism between a progressive trade unionist and a Communist trade unionist.

Plays Lovestone Outfit

I can only conclude, therefore, that your statements against the Communists are based upon a confusion of our Party members with certain irresponsible groups which play with the name of Communism for their own ends. I have in mind in particular Mr. Jay Lovestone and his group who for many years have specialized in fighting against the Communist Party by misuse of its name. Mr. Lovestone and his group have long been exposed as unprincipled adventurers, intrigues and wreckers, in many ways related to the Trotzkists. Undoubtedly you have been the victim of their claim to be Communists, and therefore denounce the real Communists. It is absolutely true that they are dangerous, disruptive elements, but it is absolutely untrue that they are Communists. We of the Communists Party will be glad to cooperate with all responsible trade union leaders to protect their organization from the conspiracies of the Lovestone and Trotzkist groups.

With very best wishes for unity, strength and success of the UAWA, as an organic part of the glorious CIO movement, I am, Fraternally yours,

(Signed) EARL BROWDER, General Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

STRIKE AIMS TO END CAUSE OF SUICIDES

SAN FRANCISCO--Wednesday of last week, the employees of the Commercial Club walked out on strike for decent conditions under leadership of the Culinary Unions.

Tuesday of last week, Harry Tunget, who had been working as a waiter at the Commercial Club, went to the top of the Merchants Exchange Bldg, and plummeted to the street below to his death--a suicide.

Culinary workers pointed out that the workers in this employers' club had been toiling long hours for short pay. They are determined to win decent conditions and fair pay in their strike at this club.

Alaska Union Votes Affiliation to ILD

SAN FRANCISCO--At its September 8 membership meeting, the Alaska Cannery Workers Union voted unanimously to affiliate with the Int'l. Labor Defense, Northern California District, thus affording protection for the union's membership.

Alaska Ships In Poor Condition

By an Alaska Canner SAN FRANCISCO--The S. S. Bering, of the Alaska Packers Assn. fleet, developed a bad leak while being loaded with canned salmon at Bristol Bay. The leak was so bad the cargo had to be removed to another vessel. The Packers' ships are in poor condition as they are ships rejected by other concerns.

UNION ASSAILS SRA JOB POLICY

Asks Merriam to Revoke Order on Field Labor

SAN FRANCISCO--A vigorous protest against forcing SRA workers to take jobs harvesting crops, regardless of their fitness for such work, and without any guarantee of adequate wages at WPA levels, return transportation, assured jobs or housing or living accommodations, is contained in a letter sent by the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America, District 2, to Governor Frank F. Merriam, last week.

The letter asks the Governor to revoke the order forcing SRA workers to take these jobs under penalty of being taken off relief and suggests a state conference in no less than two weeks, to discuss this and other necessary issues connected with the migratory labor situation in California.

"If the crops of California are in danger," states the letter, "due to failure of employers to pay decent wages, supply adequate housing and develop a stable labor force, and the SRA is called on to make good the deficiency, then we insist that guarantee be given by all employers soliciting extra help that they will pay the prevailing WPA wage and adequate lodging will be available for the required number of workers."

The union emphatically objects to the practice of deducting from relief checks cost of bedding and equipment which these workers are given when they are sent out, stating this equipment should be furnished by growers. They point out that in many instances no jobs are forthcoming when workers arrive in the new locality and they are then dumped into labor camps without funds or transportation back.

Registration of the labor requirements of all growers and processors with the State Employment office in each locality would be the first step in finding out, says the U.C.A.P.A.W.A., how many workers are needed in each county. Once this is established, the growers and county authorities could be made responsible for seeing that these workers receive the services which the community offers other types of labor.

The union proposes that the Governor invite to the conference representatives of state and federal departments dealing with agricultural labor, social and civic agencies, county administrative bodies, the Workers Alliance, and representatives from both grower-processor and shipper bodies and trade unions.

"The entire question of California agriculture, as at present operated," says the letter, "calls for thorough discussion . . . So that some humane and comprehensive program can be worked out to solve these problems."

Out on a Limb

MCLAUGHLIN, Beck, Tobin

M and a few of their recent allies are away out on a limb.

Only political blindness born of desperation could have caused them to sanction the Long Beach attempt at assassination. As it works out, it appears that

But the waterfront doesn't do it. And it won't.

The waterfront wants peace, trade union democracy, progressive union policies and the right to work to bargain collectively, to strike if necessary, to live decently, to drink a boilemaker and now and then.

It doesn't want any part of Beck and McLaughlin. And that's one reason why the Warehousemen are staying CIO.

Film Union Head Says Libel Suit Is Intimidation

HOLLYWOOD--A \$150,000 libel suit filed against himself and Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast CIO director, is an attempt to intimidate him from prosecuting a court action against the AFL Int'l. Alliance of Theatrical & Stage Employees, declared Irwin Hentschel, chairman of the AFL Federation of Motion Picture Crafts.

Hentschel is demanding a court accounting for all funds collected by the IATSE under a 2 per cent assessment per month inaugurated by IATSE President George Browne last January 27. His suit resulted from the suspension by the IATSE international officials of the charter of Local 37.

"The IATSE has failed to call a meeting of Local 37 for more than two years," he said.

The libel suit was filed by Aaron Sapiro, who is attorney for Harry Lundeberg of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and contained chiefly red-baiting attacks against Bridges, Hentschel

When Strike Shut Off Power in Klamath Falls, Worker Was Reinstated

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.--Visiting sessions of the AFL Federation of Federal Employees convention last week here, Committee for Industrial Organization leaders declared they were amazed and shocked when President Luther C. Steward mentioned the CIO United Federal Workers of America as "making a brazen bid for the sum of federal personnel."

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.--When the Oregon Power Co. fired a worker without just cause here recently, the entire force of workers went out on strike, and the city was without power from 7 a. m. until noon. The company hurriedly looked up the fired worker and reinstated him.

AFL "Leader" Refers to Govt. Workers as "Scum"

DETROIT--Colorado's much-hated 1915 industrial commission act, providing for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, is superseded by the 1933 legislative acts forbidding courts from issuing injunctions forcing men to work, Dist. Judge Otto Bock ruled.

Little Caesars Alias Bosses' Pals Alias Teamster Officials



THESE "RULE OR RUIN" boys, Teamsters' Union officials of the Pacific Coast, are considered nice playmates by the Draymen's Assn. and other employer interests, whom they are helping by their lookout against the Int'l. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union in San Francisco. Rank and file workers know them as organizers of "goon squads" to beat up CIO pickets and honest and progressive workers generally. Seated left to right, are Charles W. Real, Oakland; "Czar" Dave Beck of Seattle; F. W. Brewster, Seattle. Standing are J. P. McLaughlin, San Francisco; H. W. Dail, Los Angeles; Jack Carter, Oakland; Joe Casey, San Francisco; A. E. Rosser, Portland.

Foc'sle and Dock

By BILL SMITH

It might be a long way from the foc'sle to the headquarters of the State Federation of Labor convention at Long Beach. But the waterfront is damned well interested in what goes on there, despite the fact that a majority of the waterfront has been booted out of the Federation and the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

If a beef squad can attack Jack Shelley and get away with it, without even a tiny squawk from a majority of the delegates to the AFL convention, what is to prevent the employers from turning their pug-uglies loose upon some of our progressive maritime union leaders?

What kind of an AFL is this when an AFL leader is attacked, slugged and beaten right on the doorstep of the AFL convention hall?

Or at the lousy, sneaking, low down excuses for union men, those so-called "AFL leaders" who refused even to allow mention of the Shelley incident in the minutes of the convention, take the prize wash tub.

If the State Federation of Labor ever manages to live down this disgrace then the CIO is an auxiliary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the "Committee of 43" really means what it says.

Sometimes the AFL reactionaries are slick, slippery customers. God knows they all should be, with so many years of trickery and double-dealing to their credit. But I think they pulled one that was just a bit too fast this time.

If the waterfront wanted to, it could muster a beef squad 10,000 strong in less than two hours and root Mr. Beck and his fellow gangsters clear out of the Cliff Hotel and dump them into the nearest sewer manhole.

But the waterfront doesn't do it. And it won't.

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Building Trades Unions Win Fight To Keep 6-hr. Day

SAN FRANCISCO--The Plasterers' Union and Hod Carriers

Union have been victorious in their six weeks' fight to maintain the six-hour day and for wage increases, announced the unions' respective business agents, John Smith and Joseph A. Murphy.

Contracts were signed with the San Francisco Contracting Plasterers Assn. containing wage increases from \$1.25 per hour for hod-carriers, and with plasterers' wages jacked up from \$1.50 an hour to \$1.66 2-3 per hour.

The Association is a new employer group, representing a majority of the plant's employees.

The Board's decision to reopen

the case was interpreted as a victory by CIO officials here, the Int'l. Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers having a majority of the plant's employees.

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